

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary

York 1

Grades: PK-6 **Enrollment: 424**

Principal: H. Dietrich Long

Superintendent: Dr Vernon Prosser

Board Chair: Chris Revels

PERFORMANCE

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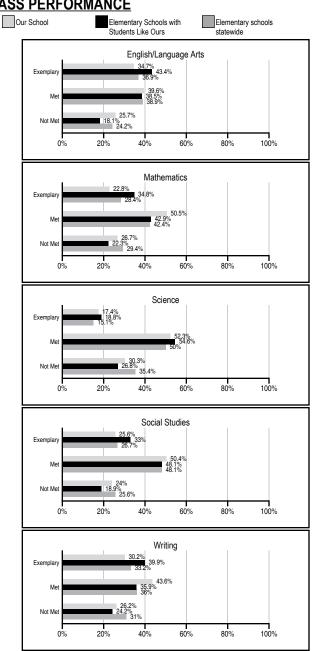
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
16	29	43	0	0

^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary [York 1] SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=424)				
Retention rate	6.1%	Up from 3.1%	1.9%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.4%	96.3%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.1%	Down from 20.1%	14.2%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.3%	Up from 5.0%	7.4%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Up from 1.6%	0.3%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=29)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.4%	Up from 71.4%	61.3%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	96.6%	Up from 92.9%	82.5%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	96.1%	Up from 93.7%	88.5%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.6%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,355	Up 3.8%	\$47,755	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.2 days	Down from 13.4 days	11.2 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.5	Down from 10.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	13.3 to 1	Down from 13.5 to 1	19.1 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 90.6%	90.5%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	83.5%	Down from 86.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,217	Up 13.6%	\$6,975	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.7%	Down from 69.6%	69.1%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.6%	Down from 68.0%	63.1%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met * Length of contract = 185+ days	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

^{*} Length of contract = 185+ days.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	40	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.0%	80.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	100.0%	87.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	90.0%	87.1%

^{*}Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2008-2009 school year at Hickory Grove/Sharon was a very successful and exciting one. Our students and teachers worked very hard to raise our academic achievement bar.

We were able to serve a greater number of students in our Early Intervention program through our afterschool program. Also, with the addition of our Early Childhood Instructional Interventionist, quite a few of our first graders saw success by participating in our Reading Recovery program.

Technology was increased in our school with the addition of eight Promethean "smart boards." These interactive white boards helped to increase interest and participation of our students while greatly enhancing learning.

Our School made a concerted effort to increase parent and community involvement with K-2 sponsoring several breakfast meetings with parents. More volunteers were able to assist our teachers this year through reading to students in their classrooms.

Some accomplishments of the past year include:

- Our fifth grade math team placing first in the district math competition and one member having an individual first place finish.
- Our school implemented our first ever school-wide morning assembly called "Jam in the Gym." JIG is a character education-led assembly where every student assembles in the gym for a lesson before school begins.
- Our school's archery team had an individual third place finisher in the state competition and another had a top ten state placement.
- For the fourth year our PTO provided a free yearbook to all students and staff.

Dietrich Long, Principal Leslie Ann Howell, School Improvement Council Chairman

^{**} Prior year audited financial data available.